



# Memorandum

**TO:** NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICES &  
EDUCATION COMMITTEE

**FROM:** Norberto Dueñas

**SUBJECT:** NEIGHBORHOODS COMMISSION  
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Following are the key activities to be highlighted for this report:

## **City of San Jose 2011 Re-Districting Process**

The commission participated in a presentation and question and answer session with the Chair of the Re-Districting Commission, Rich De la Rosa, at their March meeting. The legal overview, census data and timeline were provided and commissioners were asked to help and be involved in the process. This was followed with a presentation and discussion with Dr. Terry Christiansen at the April Commission meeting, which focused more on the potential impact on neighborhoods Citywide.

## **Police Chief Presentation and Discussion Regarding San Jose Police Department Priorities**

Police Chief Christopher Moore attended the March Commission meeting to provide an overview on the department's services, personnel and community engagement strategy. The Chief laid out the design of a multi-part initiative whose goal is to engage and collaborate with San Jose residents and groups to enhance police relations through creating a dialogue and partnerships. In turn, the Commissioners shared their perception of the Police Department and the quality of programs and service. In addition, the Chief requested support from the Commission to identify and enlist community partners to help break down barriers between local law enforcement and residents.

## **Social Host Ordinance**

Gabrielle Antolovich, Director of Voices United, gave an informational presentation on a Countywide strategy of asking municipalities to consider adopting a Social Host ordinance in order to help curb teenage drinking. The group has been working with the City of San Jose Youth Commission to make presentations to neighborhood groups in several San Jose council districts to build awareness. The Commissioners were asked to pass on the information to their neighborhood group connections.

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### **Special Caucus District 5-**

At the request of Council District 5 Councilmember Xavier Campos, a Special Neighborhoods Commission Caucus was held on Monday April 18. Representatives of registered neighborhood groups met to meet the candidates, hear their answers to questions about neighborhood issues and fill one vacancy and an alternate openings. Robert Dolci was selected to fill the Commission vacancy and Rita Ann Guess, the 1<sup>st</sup> Alternate.

### **2011-2012 Budget**

As a follow-up to their participation at the Mayor's January 29 Neighborhood Leaders Budget gathering, the Commissioners have been attending and participating in their council district community budget meetings. The commission Ad Hoc Budget Committee has been gathering feedback from Commissioners and neighborhood leaders to assist in developing the Neighborhood Commission 2011-12 budget recommendations. At the May meeting of the Commission, Deputy City Manager Norberto Duenas presented an updated budget scenario based on the release of the City Manager's May budget plan, which will assist the Commissioners in finalizing their recommendations.

### **Extension of Neighborhoods Commission Pilot**

Given the overriding time commitment necessary for Council discussion on matters of budget in the month of June 2011, staff will be preparing a recommendation for Council consideration in June 2011 for an extension of the Neighborhoods Commission Pilot to the Fall 2011 Council calendar. This will assist in a more full and balanced discussion on the pilot without the urgency of addressing pending budget decisions.



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